

## 5-NF-2023 - Nonprofit Access Grant Award Summary

Applicant	Project	Description	Award
<b>The Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association</b>	Providing Communications Access for Individuals and Families Living with ALS	This project will continue to improve telecommunication access to people living with ALS in Wisconsin, providing support & equipment to those without access today. The project will allow the purchase of communications equipment to allow individuals living with ALS to continue communicating with those closest to them and maintain their independence.	\$33,517.00
<b>Benedict Center</b>	Telecommunication Access for Low-Income, Underserved, Justice-Involved Women in Milwaukee County	This project will provide 120 low-income, justice-involved women with smartphones, data plans, tablets, and Chromebooks. Access to telecommunication services will help women maintain their safety, obtain essential basic needs, participate in behavioral health treatment, achieve their personal goals, and connect to community resources. Chromebooks will be used by women to develop resumes, conduct job searches, apply for employment, and increase their digital proficiency.	\$46,433.00
<b>The Road Home Dane County, Inc.</b>	Housing and Hope II Internet Access Project	This project will provide free high-speed internet access to 15 families enrolled in The Road Home Dane County's Housing and Hope II permanent supportive housing program located on Madison's West Side. Families eligible for this program have recently experienced chronic homelessness and have at least one adult member of the household with a permanent disability. This project will support families' efforts to maintain stable housing and accomplish self-identified goals.	\$19,140.00
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley</b>	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley (BGCGCV) Technology & Infrastructure Enhancement	The needs of youth are great as a result of the pandemic, and Club membership in our region has grown 44% in the past year. This growth is expected to continue to grow. As a result, BGCGCV developed a three-year technology plan to address these needs with Club youth development services by enhancing broadband and telecommunications access and capacity. PSC Nonprofit Access Grant Program funding will help to address this technology plan by purchasing devices and enhancing infrastructure.	\$48,957.00
<b>Vision Forward Association, Inc.</b>	Telecommunication Devices and Training for Individuals Who Are Blind and Visually Impaired	This project will provide increased access to and training on assistive telecommunication devices, specifically cell phones, tablets and smart speakers, for individuals who are blind and visually impaired to help them better communicate and manage the activities of their daily lives.	\$43,670.00
<b>Connect to Compete, Inc. (EveryoneOn)</b>	Digital Access in Milwaukee	This project will help the residents of Wisconsin gain access to telecommunications services by increasing awareness of and enrollment in subsidized high speed internet service (Affordable Connectivity Program), distributing computers to households, and delivering digital skills training to underserved and income insecure households in the city of Milwaukee.	\$51,814.00
<b>Young Women's Christian Association Southeast Wisconsin</b>	YWCA Southeast Wisconsin's Opportunity Advancement Centers	YWCA Southeast Wisconsin's (YWCA SEW) Opportunity Advancement Centers support telecommunication access for no- to low-income individuals through internet and telephone service and provision of computing equipment, all within a supportive environment focused on economic advancement.	\$ 65,000.00
<b>United Way of Greater Milwaukee &amp; Waukesha County</b>	Techquity Digital Device & Skill Building	This project will meet the Universal Service Fund purpose of assisting residents by providing free devices, technical support and digital skills training to 200+ individuals across 25 underserved census tracts whose residents lack access to any device, including a computer, smartphone or tablet.	\$27,700.00

**Center for Deaf and Blind Persons, Inc.**

Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area	2023 NonProfit Universal Service Fund Project	This project will assist individuals who are DeafBlind access telecommunication services using a phone, tablet, or computer. As individuals obtain equipment, assistance is needed to find a provider, activate the device, set it up, and be trained. Incorporating use of screen magnification and/or braille access, training may include setup (including accessibility), making voice/video calls, texting, email, internet browsing, and messaging. At least five individuals would obtain access.	13381.2
	Breaking the Poverty Cycle through Telecommunication	Many youth/teens in our rural community have limited to no access to telecommunication. BGCTRIC offers youth/teens an opportunity to gain access to much needed equipment to help further along their education breaking generational poverty cycles within families.	\$33,035.43
Literacy Network, Inc.			
	Digital Equity for Adult Learners	This project will increase computer and internet access for adults in low-income households through support for Literacy Network's on-site laptops, as well as upgrades and additions to our lending library of laptops and mobile internet hotspots. On-site laptops will be used by adult students at Literacy Network, while the lending library of laptops and mobile hotspots will be available for current students who need them to participate in virtual programming or supplement their studies.	40000
Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program, Inc.			
	Breaking Barriers: Meeting the Communication Needs of Rural and Low Income Consumers	This project aims to assist in breaking telecommunication barriers of rural and low-income consumers by providing basic smartphones, service cards, or internet payments to clients in various NWCEP work readiness programs. Assisting with phone and internet financial burdens will assist clients in job searching, applying for jobs, managing appointments and interviews, and contacting case managers at NWCEP and at other service and support organizations.	\$70,968.00
Total:		12 Projects	\$493,615.63